

Expository Journal Prompts

1) What characteristics make a good actor? Think of several television and/or film performances you have seen. The write an essay discussing the features of good acting.	2) Find out about typical cuisine from another culture. Write a description of a meal from that culture that might seem unusual to Americans.	3) Do you have a nickname? Tell the story of how you got it and why. If you do not have a nickname, tell what you would like your nickname to be and how you imagine receiving that name.
4) What us the definition of beauty? Write a definition for "beauty," and provide examples to illustrate your meaning.	5) What type of pop music is your favorite? Write a paragraph telling what defines this music and explaining why it appeals to young people.	6) Words are only one means of communicating. Music is another. In what sense is a music a 'universal language'? Write and essay in which you explore the ways music communicates.
7) Find out about the history of child labor in the United States, using print or electronic resources at school. Write a brief report about the subject, describing work children did and how and when the U.S banned child labor.	8) What techniques do you know for helping other resolve conflicts peacefully? Write a list for a Problem-Solvers Handbook.	9) What is a refugee? Write a paragraph defining this term. Being with a general definition, then explore specific examples as well as the connotation of the word.
10) What is a scapegoat? How might an industry or a group of people become society's scapegoat? Write a paragraph defining this term by explaining it, then giving examples.	11) Write down an important goal you would like to achieve over the next ten years. Brainstorm a list of actions you need to take to make you goal. Decide when you should take each action and place it on a time line.	12) Friendships are important to middle school and high school students. Write a definition of what your friends mean to you.
13) Research one endangered plant or animal species. Write a description of the species, its habitat, and what is being done to save it.	14) How does evidence of life in places other than Earth affect your philosophy of life. Write a journal entry describing your ideas and feelings about this development.	15) Write a journal entry describing your typical school lunch.
16) What techniques do toy companies use to sell their products to kids? Think of an as that shows one or more of these techniques. Write a summary of how the company appeals to kids.	17) Observe a kind of flying creature such as a butterfly, robin, or mosquito. Write a description of the creature.	18) Interview an adult about the differences between being a teenager when he or she was growing up and being a teenager today. Write a summary of the interview.
19) What part does pop or rock music play in the life of young people? Write a journal entry describing you and your peers' tastes in music and why music is meaningful to you as a generation.	20) Write a poll for your classmates to gather information about their habits or their views on a particular issue or subject.	<p>21) Select one of the following statements and rewrite is descriptively, showing it instead of telling it. In other words, paint a picture with words. Be sure to appeal to the reader's senses.</p> <p><i>The crowd loudly cheered.</i></p> <p><i>The room is a mess.</i></p> <p><i>The meal smelled delicious.</i></p>